Generation of Thermal Power

2033. SHRI NARENDRA SINGH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that heavy shortfall is expected in the generation of Thermal Power during the current year;

(b) if so, the target of production fixed for the current year and quantity that is likely to be produced; and

(c) what steps are being taken to increase the production of Thermal Power?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) The thermal generation target during 1984-85 has been fixed at 98500 million units. It is expected that this target will be achieved During April—July, 1984, thermal generation in the country was 31451 MU which was more than the target by 0.6 per cent.

(c) In order to further increase the generation of thermal power, (a) installation of additional capacity is bein expedited and (b) measures have been taken to improve the capacity utilisation of existing thermal units. These measures include:—

(i) Providing assistance to State Electricity Boards|power stations to undertake betterment programmes and to revamp thermal units|stations to improve their plant load factors.

(ii) Adoption of preventive maintenance techniques for reducing outage periods.

(iii) Arranging spare parts from indigenous and foreign sources.

(iv) Arranging requisite quality and quantity of coal and joint sampling of coal at power stations.

(v) Setting up task forces for achieving early stabilisation of new thermal units.

(vi) Arranging visits of roving teams of operation specialists from CEA to monitor operation practices and to render advice; and

(vii) Training of operation and maintenance staff of SEBs is also organised.

2034. [*Transferred to the 16th August,* 1984].

Availability of Cooking Gas in Kerala Cities and Towns

2035. SHRI C. HARIDAS: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the corporations and municipalities in Kerala where cooking gas is available to the public;

(b) whether Government propose to bring some more municipalities under this scheme of providing cooking gas to the public; and

(c) if so, what are the names of such municipalities?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI SHIV SHANKAR): (a) Presently LPG facilities are available at the following places in Kerala:

Alleppey, Alwaye, Badagara, Calicut, Cannore, Cochin, Chavakkad Guruvayur, Kanhangad, Kasaragod, Kottayam, Kettarkara, Malappuram, Manjeri, Mevellore, Mavelikara, Ottapialam, Palghat, Quilon, Shertallay, Tellicherry, Trichur, Tripunithura and Trivandrum.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The following locations in Kerala are included in the 1984-85 Plan of the Oil Industry for LPG Marketing:

Kunnamkulam, Punalur, Irinjalakuda, Chalakudi, Palai, Chittoor| Thathamangala, Tiruvalla, Muvathupazh, Thodupaza, Kothamangalam, Neyyatikara, Varkala, Angamali, Kundra, Perumbavoor, Kodungallur, Pathamanthitta, Kozheneheri|Maramon, Parur, Vypeen, Ponnani, Shoranur, Chagannacherry,

Kayamkulam, Ollur, Quilandy, Pandalam, Kolencherry, Vadakancherry|Alathur, Piravam, Tirur, Nileshwar, Bypore, Cheruvannur, Kumbla, Paravoor, Ambalapuzha, Munnar Devikulam, Haripad, Cherai|Edavanakad, Mundakkayam, Pathanapuram, Chavara| Karunagapally, Nedumangad, Payyanur, Kuthuparamba, Kaipamangalam, Ettumanoor, Neemara|Ayalur, Vadanapally| Triparayar, Vaikom|Thalayolaparamba, and Kanjirapally|Ponkunnam.

Additional exploration of oil and gas from Bombay High

2036. SHRI HUSEN DALWAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has so far been made by ONGC in further exploring oil resources in Bombay High;

(b) what quantity of Cruoe oil and gas are now annually available from Bombay High;

(c) what would be the quantum of crude and gas available from the additional exploration on completion of the proposed expansion of Bombay High project; and

(d) whether ONGC proposes to supply some quantity from this additional gas for industrial use in Southern State?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI SHIV SHANKAR): (a) Oil reserves of Bombay High field have already been explored and the field is under production.

(b) It is proposed to produce a total of 20 30 million tonnes of crude oil from Bombay High and other satellite fields in 1984-85. 1819 million M^3 of gas would be available for sale during 1984-85 from these fields.

(c) Exploration and delineation of other offshore structures on the West Coast is in progress. It will not be possible to indicate with certitude the quantum of crude and gas that could be available from additional exploration unless new fields are completely delineated.

(d) does not arise at this stage.

Petro-Chemical Projects in Maharashtra

2037. SHRI HUSEN DALWAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) how many petro-chemical projects have been sanctioned by Government in Maharashtra;

(b) what quantity of gas from Uran Turbine will be required for these projects; and

(c) where the remaining gas is proposed to be utilized?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI SHIV SHANKAR): (a) The major petrochemical projects approved for establishment in Maharashtra are:

a DMT plant

a synthetic rubber plant

an aromatics plant.

(b) None of the above plants is envisaged to be based on natural gas.

(c) Natural gas from the Uran terminal is planned for use: in fertilizer and petrochemical plants, for production of LPG, and to a small extent for other purposes.

Strike in coal mines

2038. SHRI KALYAN ROY:

SHRI SANKAR PRASAD MITRA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Energy Minister in a letter dated the 11th July, 1984 to a Member of Parliament informed that he had directed Chairman, Coal India Limited to formulate guidelines on the deduction of wages to ensure that the deduction was in